

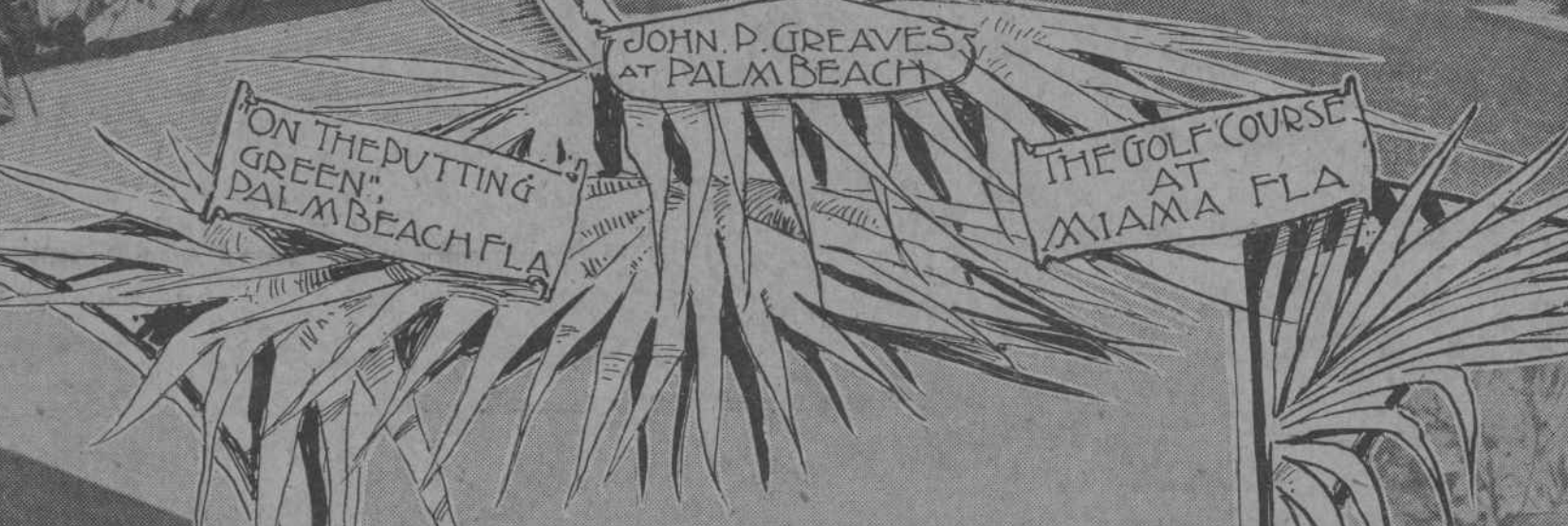
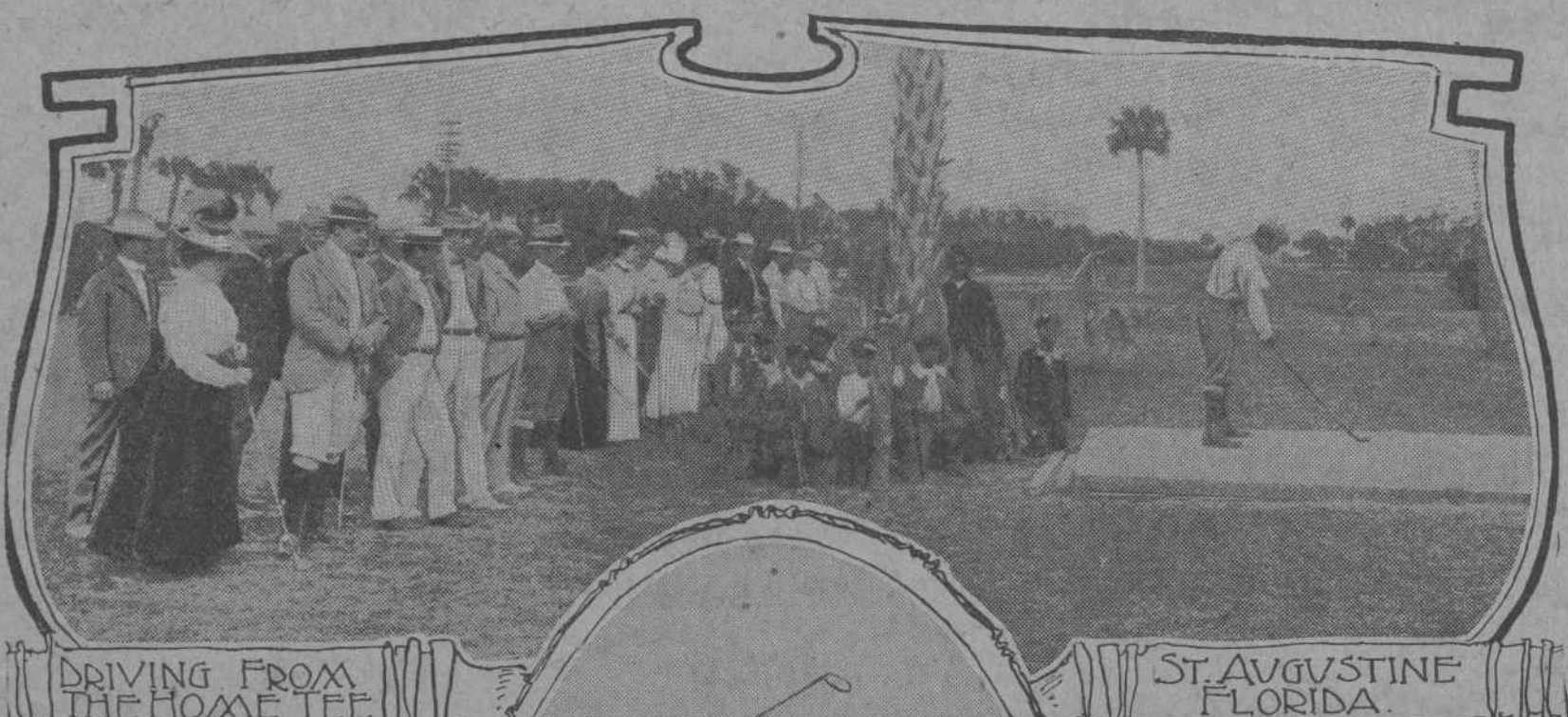
Here Is Society's Mid-Winter Programme.

By Cholly Knickerbocker.

THE greater portion of New York's fashionable set will spend the Christmas holidays in the country. Many will go South; many will travel northward to indulge in rugged winter sports, while some will remain in country houses in this and neighboring States.

NOW, just as we were thinking that society was settled for the winter, the greater part of it is going to the South—over one-half of those who are not going abroad. The entire Tuxedo set will plant itself at Aiken, South Carolina, and golf will be the great attraction. It will also be in high form in Florida and around Asheville. In fact, golf will reign supreme everywhere, and as soon as the snow flies in earnest, and one cannot play except with a red ball, then the entire crowd of golf enthusiasts will go with the swallows to the South and stay there until the voice of the turtle is heard in the land. With the burning of the Highland Hotel Aiken has been somewhat at a disadvantage. Unless a man was asked to a house party—and for a week or more—the distance is too great, it was a bit inaccessible. There were boarding houses and small inns, but no regular hotel. They have commenced work on a great modern house, and before the winter is half over Aiken will have one of the best hotels in the country, quite different from the antiquated structure of other days. The cottages are not very large or elaborate in their furnishings, but golf is the main attraction, when you do not ride to hounds or go out shooting birds. Golf seems to have found absolute root and congenial soil in the sunny South. Most of the golf links in other places than Aiken are attached to the large Southern hotels, and when society gets a little tired of Aiken itself it goes to Florida and to Palm Beach or St. Augustine or to Thomasville, and so on down the coast to the Gulf of Mexico.

AMONG the golfers who have already played on Southern links or are apt to do so during the coming winter are Mrs. Thomas Saffern Tallor and her sister, Mrs. Willie Kent, and the Tuxedo set; Mrs. John Jacob Astor, who goes every year to Palm Beach and Florida; Mrs. Herman Duryea, Miss Madeleine Goddard and Miss Busk, all of whom distinguished themselves last summer at Newport and who were constantly on the links; Miss Lila Sloane, Miss Cornelia Barnes, Miss Charlotte Stillman, Mrs. W. A. Taylor and Messrs. J. W. Burden, Jr., Charles de Heredia, Anson Phelps Stokes, Jr., David W. Bishop, Jr., E. P. Motley and J. C. Greenleaf, who are the representatives of the Lenox set; Mrs. William Shippen, Miss Shelton and Miss Kip, who represent Morristown; Miss Ruth Underhill, Mrs. Caleb Fox, Miss Elsie Cassatt, Miss Travis, Mrs. Thomas Thatcher, Miss May Barron, Mrs. Lole Vanderhoef and Messrs. H. Mortimer Billings, Howard Maxwell, S. M. Colgate, H. A. Colby and Walter J. Travis. Center Hitchcock and Harriman often play on Southern links.



few weeks of opera and several dances in New York. The Florida season will be one of the most brilliant known for years, and nearly all the rooms at the different hotels at the resorts have been engaged for the season. Mrs. Stuyvesant Fish and Mr. William K. Vanderbilt and Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Sloane will be among the number who will have private cars and who will explore the South during the late winter and the early spring. The journey will take them as far as Mexico. Mrs. Joseph Stieglitz is likewise planning a tour of this kind, and she will take with her a car filled with guests.

THERE will be also the contingent who are to go abroad. You need not think that golf will be absent from their programme. There are splendid links at Cannes, where Mrs. Butler Duncan, Jr., distinguished herself last winter. At Nice the golf club is frequented by some of the best English players, and even the delight of Monte Carlo cannot distract the lover of golf from his game or the pigeon shooter from his daily practice. At St. Moritz golf has been as popular as sleighing, and they play it there perfectly well in the snow and in the very midst of a severe winter. The climate is so dry, however, that this is easy to accomplish. And this is by no means the finale of the story. The links at Calvo are excellent, and at the new hotel under the very broken nose of the Sphinx and within shadow of the pyramids there are links where English and Americans play the livelong day. Further up the Nile, at all the new watering places erected on the site of cities thousands of years old, there are being laid out links, and the Sirdar, who is anxious to get people to pass the winter at Khartoum, promises golf galore way down there. Jerusalem, perhaps, has escaped, but India is alive with it, and there is no game more fashionable or more universal.

MRS. ADOLPH LADENBURG and Mrs. John Jacob Astor will be among those who will play on Egyptian links later in the year. Mrs. Willie K. Vanderbilt, Jr., will also be there and, as she is very fond of the game, there will be, no doubt, some very lively contests. At Malta there will be many English people and a few Anglo-Americans, and already the



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THE largest chain of links in the South is to be found in Florida. Take the Florida Country Club, at Jacksonville, where they are as perfect as it is possible to make them, and the flourishing club at St. Augustine. On the latter links is an artificial tower built on marshy ground by C. B. Knott, president of the club, as well as of the affiliated clubs at Ormond, Palm Beach, Miami and at Nassau, in the Bahamas. In Georgia there are the links attached to the Bon Air and at Thomasville.

THE Vanderbilts play on the Asheville links, which are at the Swannanoa Country Club, near Asheville, in the midst of a beautiful mountainous country. George Vanderbilt's Baltimore, where he and his wife will be the greater part of this winter, is near, and he has constant house parties of his relatives, all of whom are golf enthusiasts. This is especially the case with the Sloanes and the Misses Twombly and Miss Webb. Miss Lila Sloane is one of the best players in America. There are capital links nearer Baltimore, however, at the Kenilworth Golf Club. This month Mr. and Mrs. George Vanderbilt have had a succession of small house parties, at which the Leroy and the Browns and other relatives of Mrs. Vanderbilt have been guests, as well as Mr. Vanderbilt's young nieces and nephews. Golf has been the all-absorbing game there.

CENTER HITCHCOCK has devoted much attention to the links at the Palmetto Club, at Aiken. Here there are regular championship matches from December to April. This year Lady Colebrook will be one of the enthusiastic players, and Mrs. Duncan Elliott and Mrs. Butler Duncan will renew all their old triumphs on these southern links. Miss Wetmore is expected at Aiken in January for quite a long stay, when there will be some very interesting games, as Miss Anna Sands, Miss Underhill and Mrs. Fox will be there about the same time.

MRS. WILLIE CARTER plays golf, and the Philadelphia beauty, as she is now called, although she is from Baltimore, was first made known to New York society at the Palmetto Club two years ago at Aiken. Mrs. Joe Widener will be at Aiken this winter and with her Mrs. Carter. Mrs. John R. Drexel will go in January, and Mrs. Anthony Drexel will pay a short visit to the South Carolina watering place while the gaiety is at its height.

Society's Amusements in the Sunny South.

FORTRESS MONROE is one of the places to which Northern visitors go to meet the spring. There are admirable golf links attached to the hotel, and there is a naval contingent there which makes the place especially agreeable. The navy can play golf as well as the landlubbers, and the gaiety is only varied by drives and the dances at night. The Baltimore links and those at Chevy Chase, near Washington, are always crowded, and the Country Club is the scene of many a jollification.

LAKEWOOD, which is much milder in climate than New York, has celebrated links. A championship game is being played there now, and it has attracted many of the best players from all parts of the country. This year, until it is absolutely impossible to ride over country, the hunt meets will continue, and polo will be played nearly all winter. Mrs. George Gould, who will have Lady Mary Sackville with her, will be one of the movers in the pursuit of open-air sports, and she will have many large house parties at her beautiful home, which has just been completed. Lakewood is so easy to get to from New York that the Friday to Monday parties will be a feature this year. Atlantic City, which always enjoys an open winter, will be another place where golf will flourish, and splendid links have

been laid out there. In far-away New Orleans golf has become very popular, and at the club up on St. Charles avenue many of the visitors to the Carnival will be made welcome. There it never snows, or, rather, hardly ever, and the entire winter can be passed in the open.

THE Virginia Hot Springs is famous for its golf in the late autumn, and a match has just concluded there. Croquet has also been revived, and it threatens, with languid persons, to become almost as popular as golf. Mrs. Stuyvesant Fish and Harry Leht made it very smart at the Springs this autumn, as the links were always crowded, and they wanted to be a little exclusive. The Hot Springs will have large Christmas parties, as it is the fashion just now to go away for the holidays and either be up as far North as possible or in the Sunny South.

BUT golfing will not be the only form of popular out-of-door amusement this winter. At Aiken there will be the meet every other day, there will be pony and mule races, and for the elderly and more sedate people croquet will be arranged. Many sailing parties are being fixed for the West Indies, and Mrs. Edwin Gould, Miss Day and Mrs. A. L. Barber will make cruises in their yachts. Winter will be passed quickly after the first

links are among the most popular in Southern Europe. The young Willie Vanderbilts are just at present interested in the automobile and are taking long driving tours through the country along the coast of the Mediterranean. Some days they go into Italy, and then again they have crossed the Spanish frontier, making Nice their headquarters. Mr. and Mrs. Clement Moore go to Egypt in January, and they will be at Sheppard's Hotel at Cairo and take part in all these sports.

MISS MARION FISH is a very good golfer, and she plays frequently at Palm Beach, where Mrs. Fish and her family go each February, and also at the club at Nassau. Mrs. Astor always plays at the Florida links, and the Dyers, Miss Anna Sands and the Wetmores are often seen at the different contests there during the winter.

EUGENE HIGGINS will take out one boatload of bachelors, and Ray Miller will have quite a suite. These two will be on the Riviera during the winter, and they will be active participants in all the out-of-door pastimes over there.

LENOX at Christmas will not be deserted. Those who like the rigors of a New England winter will open their houses, and house parties will be given by Mrs. John Sloane, the Outings, the Bishops and Mr. and Mrs. Anson Phelps Stokes. The amusements will consist in sleighing and tobogganing and coasting, and there will be several coon and other hunts arranged for the night. These festivities will finish with old-fashioned Christmas dances. Mrs. Ogden Mills and Mrs. Clarence Dismore and the Delafields will open their houses up on the Hudson and near Lake Mohawk for a winter's carnival during the Christmas tide. Montreal is promising a gorgeous ice carnival, to which there will be many visitors from New York. It will be indeed an open winter.

AND this desire of society to remain in the open air as much as possible is even seen in the city. Here many of the fashionable women drive in the coldest days in open victorias and landaus, and you see all the Set and the Set of Sets in battle array in the Park every evening, no matter how severe the winter. This love of the open is one of the healthy signs of the coming century, and perhaps after years of this kind of thing future generations will turn back and be as hardy as in the days of old.

THE first week in society has been one of debauches and teas. These teas, after all, are all alike. They last from 4 to 6, with a dinner for the girls who assist in receiving, and a dance afterward. The dancing classes have started, and this coming week will see all the gayeties at their full. Bagby has his musicales, and the first of these will be the meeting place of a large crowd. Next week comes the opera, with every box taken and every seat engaged for the first night. There will be a few changes in the parterre, and Mrs. John R. Drexel will be one of the newcomers. She is, in fact, one of the leaders of society this winter. Mrs. Clarence Mackay has also taken a conspicuous box. The Vanderbilts, although in mourning, will use their box for collateral relatives and the young people of the various sub-branches of the family.